

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 remain in connection with the present application.

Objection to the Abstract

The Examiner objected to the abstract for minor informalities. Accordingly, the abstract is amended in an effort to place it in better form for U.S. practice. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the Specification for minor informalities, including the alleged lack of a brief description of the Figures and reference to "claim 1" throughout the specification. This objection is respectfully traversed.

In response to the Examiner's objection, Applicant includes herewith a Substitute Specification, amending the Specification in an effort to place it in better form for U.S. practice. The Substitute Specification includes headings, including "Brief Description of the Drawings." In addition, paragraph numbering as preferred by the United States Patent and Trademark Office is included in the Substitute Specification, along with additional minor amendments to the Specification in order to place it in better U.S. form. With regard to the Brief Description of the Drawings, Applicant notes that the original Specification included a brief description of each of Figures 1, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b and thus only the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" has been included to clarify the location of this brief description of the drawings. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's objection and acceptance of the Substitute Specification is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 2 for minor informalities. Accordingly, claim 2 is amended in an effort to place it in better U.S. form and in an effort to overcome the minor informalities alleged by the Examiner. These non-narrowing amendments to claim 2 were not made for any reason relating to patentability. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, claims 1 and 2 are amended in an effort to place them in better form for U.S. practice, taking into consideration the various suggestions made by the Examiner. Accordingly, as claims 1 and 2 are now believed to be in strict compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested. It should be noted that the amendments made to claims 1 and 2 are non-narrowing amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 1 and 2 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections and rejections set forth by the Examiner. Allowance of these claims is now earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-2 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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